Overview and Updates from the Ohio OTPTAT Board

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Topics

• Regulation and Certification vs. Licensure
• Board structure
• Upcoming rule changes
• Ohio’s Medical Marijuana law
• Tools in combatting opioid abuse
• Common questions to the Board
National Athletic Trainers Month
#NATM2019 – ATs are health care

We've Got Your Kid's Back
As a parent, you know that sports are great for your kids. Physical activity, teamwork and fun can combine to make for a healthy, happy child.

An active life comes with risks. Injuries happen – pulled muscles, broken bones, even head injuries. Heat can take its toll while youth get used to warming temperatures or play under a blazing sun.

Licensed Athletic Trainers (ATs) can make the difference between safe play and dangerous injuries for your young athletes. Who's got your kid's back?

ATs at Work
While Your Kids Are at Play.

ATs are health care professionals who work to prevent, diagnose and treat injuries. ATs are also uniquely qualified to respond to other emergency, acute and chronic medical conditions – including cardiac abnormalities and heat stroke. This message is brought to you, in partnership, by the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board and the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer.

Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, & Athletic Trainers Board
3/7/2019
Purpose of Regulatory Boards

• Establishing and checking requirements for entry into the profession
• Adopting administrative rules
• Enforcing laws related to licensure
• Assuring continued competence of licensees
Certification vs. Licensure

• The AT Section of the Ohio OTPTAT Board issues licenses to practice as an AT in the State of Ohio

• The BOC certifies as ATs people who meet their requirements for certification and administers the exam required for entry
Certification vs. Licensure

• You **MUST** hold a valid license issued by the AT Section of the Ohio OTPTAT Board to legally practice athletic training in the State of Ohio (unless licensed as a physical therapist, chiropractor, dentist, physician, dentist or podiatrist)

• **Certification ≠ Licensure**
Ohio Revised Code Requirements

• R.C. 4755.62 (A)

No person shall claim to the public to be an athletic trainer or imply by words, actions, or letters that the person is an athletic trainer, or otherwise engage in the practice of athletic training, unless the person is licensed as an athletic trainer pursuant to this chapter.
OTPTAT vs. BOC vs. NATA/OATA
The Alphabet Soup of the Profession

• OTPTAT is your state regulatory agency
  – The Board licenses individuals and enforces the practice act for the state of Ohio
OTPTAT vs. BOC vs. NATA/OATA
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• BOC is a certification entity
  – Certification allows a practitioner to use the credential ATC, which is trademarked by BOC
  – Current certification is not mandatory to maintain an Ohio license, but if you ever need to reinstate or get licensed elsewhere, it helps to be current
  – Legal name is National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc. – sometimes used in rules followed by the acronym BOC
OTPTAT vs. BOC vs. NATA/OATA
The Alphabet Soup of the Profession

NATA is the national professional association – National Athletic Trainers Association

• Along with the OATA, it advocates on the state/federal level for the profession
• Professional association ≠ Licensing board
• State licensure does not require NATA or OATA membership
Licensure

If you practice with certification, but not Ohio licensure, you will be disciplined for practicing without a license!!
Licensure vs. Certification

• Once you receive your license to practice in Ohio, certification from BOC is **not** required to renew your license to practice
The mission of the Ohio OTPTAT Board is to actively promote and protect the health of Ohioans through effective regulation of the professions of occupational therapy, physical therapy, athletic training, orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthics.
Mission of the AT Section

The Mission of the OT Section is to Protect the Public, NOT the Licensee
Composition of the Board

• Joint Board consisting of an:
  – Occupational Therapy Section (4 OT, 1 OTA)
  – Physical Therapy Section (9 PT, 5 on joint board)
  – Athletic Trainers Section (4 AT, 1 physician)
  – One public member
• Total of 9.5 full-time staff
# AT Section Members

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All terms expire on Aug. 27 of the designated year. Pursuant to ORC 4755.01, members shall not serve for more than three (3) consecutive terms.

To seek appointment to the Board, you need to contact the Governor’s Office and download the application (http://governor.ohio.gov)
## Licensure statistics

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3/7/2019 Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, & Athletic Trainers Board
YOU CLAIMED YOU WERE IN TOO MUCH PAIN TO PRACTICE

THE ATHLETIC TRAINER'S ASSESSMENT DETERMINED THAT WAS A LIE
OTPTAT Board Rule Changes

• Five year rule review – updates to reflect eLicense system
• Standard Operating Procedures definition
• Continuing Education
• Wall license display
Five year review

• 20 rules

• Updates for:
  – Consistency across rules
  – New processes related to eLicense
  – Legal name for BOC
Standard Operating Procedures

- Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)
- Often referred to – never defined in rule
- Such a significant tool for practice should be formally defined by the Board
- “a written referral relationship that consists of a protocol of care communicated between the health care professional listed in division (A) of section 4755.60 of the Revised Code or rule 4755-41-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code and the athletic trainer, and shall include procedures for assessment and treatment.”
Changes to Continuing Education rule

• Adds the ability to earn up to four hours of CE for volunteering at a free clinic while practicing under license

• Removes requirement for five of the twenty-five hours to be earned “in-person”
  – Source of confusion and failed audits
  – Debate over webinars and online education
Changes to Continuing Education rule

Basic requirement of 25 hours, including one hour of ethics

AND

Two hours covering evidence based practice

UNCHANGED
License display

“Licensees shall display the original license certificate at their principal place of business and shall have available at all locations of service delivery a copy of or electronic access to their current license information from the Ohio e-license center verification page”

• Problematic for license holders who practice in multiple settings.
• Use of technology has increased – license record can be accessed anywhere at any time online.
• PDF of license will soon be available through eLicense.
• Rule will permit ability to display license electronically to meet this requirement.
I’M AN 
ATHLETIC 
TRAINER 

I SOLVE PROBLEMS 
YOU DON’T KNOW YOU HAVE 
IN WAYS YOU CAN’T UNDERSTAND
eLicense Ohio - renewals

• Athletic Trainer licenses expire September 30, 2020. Renewals will open **JULY 1, 2020**.
• If you have completed your continuing education requirements, you may renew at any time. The sooner the better.
• There is no late renewal. After expiration, you must reinstate.
• [http://elicense.ohio.gov](http://elicense.ohio.gov)
• Fee is $70 plus $3.50 eLicense fee.
Renewal questions

• Since your last renewal (for example):
  – have you ever been convicted of, found guilty of, pled guilty to, or received treatment in lieu of conviction for a felony and/or any offense involving moral turpitude in Ohio, another state, or a US territory?
  – have you ever been denied licensure to practice as an athletic trainer or another profession in Ohio, another state, or US territory?
  – have you used drugs, narcotics, or alcohol to the extent that it impairs your ability to practice occupational therapy or another profession?
  – have you ever been found guilty of malpractice or settled a malpractice claim?

• Attest to completion of CE

• You do not have submit certificates – save those in case of audit.
License renewal - CE

• Licensees must complete 25 contact hours of CE
• All CE must be completed in 24-month period ending on September 30 of the renewal year, so don’t start on your next CE period until October 1.
• Licensees exempt from CE for first renewal
• CE completed for renewals going forward must contain one hour of professional ethics, AND two hours of evidence based practice
Continuing Education

• Rule 4755-45-01 Administrative Code governs the CE requirements
• CE requirements for the Board vary from those required by BOC
Don’t Wait Until September 30 to Renew

More than 345,000 central Ohio residents still without power after last night's storms

An OhioHealth billboard along Rt. 315 near Riverside Methodist Hospital took a beating.

By Randy Ludlow
The Columbus Dispatch - Saturday June 30, 2012 11:37 AM
Email Addresses

• Keeping your email current in eLicense is critical.
• ALL communications from the board, including renewal notices.
• Think twice before registering with a school/work address.
License verification

**Note**: When searching for a licensee or certificate holder it is recommended to start by selecting the board and enter the name or partial name of the licensee. Any information entered as search criteria must match EXACTLY how the information is stored in the system, otherwise the individual you are searching for may not be found.

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Enter License, Supervision Agreement or Endorsement Number

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Ohio’s Medical Marijuana Law

HOW TO OBTAIN MEDICAL MARIJUANA

• Obtaining medical marijuana through Ohio’s Medical Marijuana Control Program (OMMCP) involves three basic steps:
  • Visit a certified physician who can confirm that you have one of the medical conditions that qualify for medical marijuana and have the physician create your profile in the Patient & Caregiver Registry.
  • Confirm and complete your registration for the program through the OMMCP Patient & Caregiver Registry.
  • Purchase medical marijuana from an approved dispensary in Ohio.
Ohio’s Medical Marijuana Law

1. SEE A PHYSICIAN

• The first step to become a medical marijuana patient is to establish and maintain a bona fide physician-patient relationship with a certified physician.

• An in-person visit with a certified physician is required at least once per year.
Ohio’s Medical Marijuana Law

• Only patients with one of the following medical conditions may currently participate in Ohio’s medical marijuana program: AIDS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Alzheimer’s disease, cancer, chronic traumatic encephalopathy, Crohn’s disease, epilepsy or another seizure disorder, fibromyalgia, glaucoma, hepatitis C, inflammatory bowel disease, multiple sclerosis, pain that is either chronic and severe or intractable, Parkinson’s disease, positive status for HIV, post-traumatic stress disorder, sickle cell anemia, spinal cord disease or injury, Tourette’s syndrome, traumatic brain injury, and ulcerative colitis.
Ohio’s Medical Marijuana Law

2. GET REGISTERED

• Once a recommending physician has entered a patient or caregiver into the registry, the patient/caregiver will receive an email prompting them to login to their profile in the Patient Registry. In the registry, complete your application and pay the fee.

• The annual cost of a medical marijuana registration is $50 for patients and $25 for caregivers. Patients who qualify for indigent or veteran status may be eligible for fee reductions.
Ohio’s Medical Marijuana Law

3. FIND A DISPENSARY

- After receiving your Patient & Caregiver Registry card, you may purchase medical marijuana from an Ohio dispensary licensed by the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy.

- Dispensary staff will counsel you on the appropriate type and dose of product for your condition.

- Only patients with an active registry card, an active recommendation, and their associated government-issued ID can purchase medical marijuana.
Ohio’s Medical Marijuana Law – Employer policies

• Marijuana is considered a Schedule 1 substance by the federal government – even Medical Marijuana deemed legal by states.

• Employers that accept federal reimbursement or grants must be careful with policies toward medical marijuana
Ohio’s Medical Marijuana Law – Employer policies

- State law allows employers to accept it or to ban it.
- Drug free workplace policies vary
- State of Ohio is permitting MMJ use consistent with its policy on opioids and other prescribed drugs, as long as a person is not under the influence
- Know your workplace policies
"Actually, I'm an athletic trainer. I just do hair removal on the side."
State of Ohio tools in combatting opioid abuse

Http://starttalking.ohio.gov

Children of parents who talk to their teens about drugs are up to 50% less likely to use.
State of Ohio tools in combatting opioid abuse

- Articles on spotting drug use
- 5 minutes for Life – State Highway Patrol
- Parent tips on how to talk to your kids
- Ideas on how to participate in community coalitions
- Monthly tips through Know!
- Medical providers play an important role in identifying risks and substance use among adolescents.
State of Ohio tools in combatting opioid abuse

Schools: A Trusted Influence

Teachers, principals and other school officials work hard each day to offer the highest quality of education to Ohio’s youth. However, education quality becomes a moot point when drug use impacts the attentions of Ohio’s families.

Start Talking! asks Ohio’s schools to support this youth drug prevention initiative and help to build a drug-free future for Ohio’s students by utilizing the following resources: Parents360 Rx, Know! and 5 Minutes for Life.

Below are a few ways you can incorporate the drug prevention messaging throughout your school.

Start Talking! Tips for Schools

1. Share the drug-free message with parents, guardians and caregivers...
   Forward the Know! Tips
   Incorporate information from the Know! Tips in newsletters or other communications
   Host a Parents360 Rx showing
   Partner with PTAs or other organizations to creatively use Start Talking! materials
   Provide Start Talking! information during assemblies, sports events or other events

2. Share the drug-free message with students...
   Contact the State Highway Patrol to schedule a 5 Minutes for Life presentation
   Share and retweet Start Talking! posts on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram
   Hang Start Talking! posters in your buildings

3. Share the drug-free message with staff...
   Forward the TEACHable moments
   Start Talking! posters in your buildings
   Disseminate hard copies of the Start Talking! materials
   Host an event in partnership with Start Talking!
Naloxone and epinephrine are approved by the Board of Pharmacy for wide use and distribution. ANY member of the public may administer.

Inquiry with the Board of Pharmacy re: insulin.
“Personal” Scope of Practice

• The following questions should be asked to analyze and determine if a specific task in within one’s “personal” scope of athletic training practice.
  – Is the skill in question specifically prohibited in the Ohio Revised Code?
  – Is the task represented in entry level education and practice?
  – Has the practitioner had continuing education to adequately prepare them to perform the task?
  – Does this task provide for safety and welfare of the client?
• If the professional can provide supporting evidence that adequately addresses these areas, then the task is considered within that athletic trainer’s scope of athletic training practice.
• Documents to assist in determining entry-level education and athletic training practice.
  – Athletic Training Education Competencies (5th Edition) http://caate.net/professional-programs/
Enforcement Issues

• Boundary Violations:
  – No inappropriate touching/sexual contact with your patients.
  – Don’t have inappropriate/dating relationships patients.
  – Text, facebook, snapchat, etc.
• Impaired Practitioner issues
• Practicing without a license
  – Renew your license and if you don’t, don’t work with an expired license.
  – Name and Address changes are your responsibility
• Do your CEU’s!
  – Audits- not less than 5% each renewal- randomly selected
Ethical Issues

• Standard Ethical Considerations for Athletic Trainers
  – Continuing Education Requirement
  – Obligation to Report
  – Reporting Mechanisms & Processes
Common Ethical Issues

• Practicing without a license
  – Representing as AT services
  – Failure to renew
  – Practicing Prior to Licensure
• Social Media considerations
• Personal and Professional Relationship Boundaries
• Impaired Practitioner
Board Communications

• “Like” the Board on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/OhioOTPTATBoard

• Follow the Board’s Twitter feed at http://twitter.com/OhioOTPTATBd

• Each Section has its own listserv
  – To join, go to Board’s website and select “Join a Board Listserv” link on the homepage
Contacting the Board

- You may contact the Board by any of the following methods:
  - Internet: http://otptat.ohio.gov
  - Email: board@otptat.ohio.gov
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